

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the section titled "Abstract" with the following section:

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A Novel Smooth Backed Pierced Earring

The present invention is an earring for a pierced ear comprising a shaft mounted on a base; a connector having a cavity for engaging the shaft and an adapter on the obverse; and a cap able to be affixed to the adapter on one side and a decorative aspect of the earring attached on the obverse."